

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: Shores et al.	§	Docket No. 31849.42 / P11711.00
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Application No.: 10/698,177	§	Group Art Unit: 3733
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Filed: October 31, 2003	§	Examiner: Jerry L. Cumberledge
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For: Surgical Instrument with Angled Attachment	§	Confirmation No.: 9899
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION  
MAILED MAY 15, 2008**

**I. Introductory Comments**

The present paper is being submitted in response to the Office Action mailed May 15, 2008. No fees, including extension of time fees, are believed necessary for consideration of the present paper. However, if any fees, including extension of time fees are necessary, the extension of time is hereby requested, and the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees, including those for the extension of time, to Haynes and Boone, LLP's Deposit Account No. 08-1394.

**Listing of the Claims** begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.